

Regional Pedestrian Advisory Committee (RPAC)
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2007

1. Introductions

The RPAC meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by committee Chairperson Jason Patton.

2. Summary of February Meeting

No comments from committee members.

3. Election of Vice-Chair

Jason Patton explained the circumstances of not having a vice-chair appointment. Mr. Patton then discussed the terms of the Chair and Vice-Chair positions and briefly talked about previous Chair and Vice-Chair volunteers since the RPAC was formed.

Based on a nomination by Wendy Alfsen and a second by Michelle De Robertis, Nancy Baer was elected to the position of Vice-Chair by unanimous consent of the present committee members.

4. Regional Pedestrian Planning Needs

Sean Co began the discussion by indicating that the direction from the RPAC members at the previous meeting was to have focus topics of discussion for each subsequent RPAC meeting in 2007. Jason Patton described a list of specific topics for discussion that can be used as a first step in developing a Regional Pedestrian Plan.

Mr. Patton requested volunteers from the committee pick a topic from the list to lead a discussion with the RPAC members at future meetings. The topics were distributed as follows:

- Jason Patton, Beth Thomas, and Rochelle Wheeler #1 "Project Basis"
- John Brazil and Ana Validzic #2 "Existing Conditions"
- Heath Maddox and Wendy Alfsen #3 "Policies"
- Nancy Bier and Michelle De Robertis #4 "Design Guidelines"
- Rochelle Wheeler, Brad Beck and Robert Guerrero #5 "Implementation"
- Jason Patton and Brad Beck # 6 "Sythesis/Summary Report"

5. Routine Accommodations Checklist

Sean Co indicated that the Routine Accommodations has been finalized. Mr. Co thanked the committee for all of their time and effort in creating the document. The committee also thanked Mr. Co and Lisa Klein of MTC for their assistance in making the document happen. Mr. Co explained that he is currently working to get the checklist on MTC's website to begin implementing the Routine Accommodations.

6. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Ashley Nguyen gave the committee an overview of the RTP process. Ms. Nguyen indicated that MTC is taking a different approach to develop this RTP by spending the 1st year discussing the transportation vision for the Bay Area and discussing the financial constraints/policies in the 2nd year. There was a long discussion about RTP's Performance-Based Targets and Scenario Assessment. Jason Patton requested that Trip Length Reductions be considered in the Performance Measurements. Michelle De Robertis commented that the Performance Measures are auto oriented and suggested that other performance measures such as increased bicycle/pedestrian usage be considered in addition to Mr. Patton's suggestion. Robert Raburn commented that safety should also be included as a performance measure. Brad Beck asked if the 3 scenarios as presented will be included in MTC's EIR for the RTP. Ms. Nguyen responded by saying it's too early to tell. Ms. Nguyen further explained that there will be ample opportunities throughout the RTP visioning process for comments.

7. Info-sharing

There was no discussion on this item due to time constraints.

Adjournment: The RPAC was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.